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## Environmental tests alternate energy source

**By Sgt. Joseph Lee**  
BARSTOW LOG staff

New ideas and innovations for gathering and efficiently producing electricity have been a key focus for energy corporations and their consumers for years.

One of their largest consumers, the United States military, has recently become a platform for pilot programs designed to test the viability of new alternatives to line-fed sources.

Recently, MCLB Barstow began participating in these pilot studies by testing alternative power and transportation solutions provided by experimenting companies.

One such experiment being conducted here is the operation of stand-alone solar powered streetlights. The base Environmental Division purchased 25 of the lights from SOL, an outdoor solar lighting company in Florida, for approximately \$4,500 per light.

"It is our intention to find out how capable and how suitable this particular lighting method is," said Jack Stormo, head of the base Environmental Division. "So far, we haven't had any difficulties."

Constructed with ultra-light weight carbon fiber material, Stormo, with the assistance of just one colleague, was able

to quickly install the first light outside their offices to increase the safety of the parking area during the dim evening hours.

"Some of the lights are being installed at security locations, and some are being installed for added safety where poor lighting in the evenings poses a safety problem," Stormo said.

According to Stormo, more lights are also being put in locations where solutions are temporarily needed to supplement the loss of light, due to the malfunction of line-fed poles, while repairs are in progress.

"It should work out well," said Stormo, "because we are in the best location, from a latitude standpoint, to be very efficient at collecting solar energy."

The lights are distinctive to the eye, as they cast a white light as opposed to a yellow light, and require little assembly or maintenance.

"From an installation and logistics standpoint, the solar streetlights provide a lot more flexibility than normal streetlights," said Cmdr. Jeff Johnston, director of Public Works. "When you need to install a new normal streetlight, there are considerations to be made with respect to the entire grid, wiring and placement

of the light. With the solar lights you just dig a hole and plop it in."

According to Stormo, the base was also given approximately 25 electric cars from Global Electric Motors as a part of another pilot study being conducted by the Daimler-Chrysler subsidiary to see how suitable they are for this particular application. The cars were issued to various sections around the base to replace or supplement the use of their gasoline-operated vehicles.

"In the few months the cars have been in operation on this base we have had very few mechanical problems with them," said Stormo.

To power the Environmental Division's electric car, they have employed another experimental device known as a Solar Pod. The pod con-



Photo by Sgt. Joseph Lee

Jack Stormo, head of the base Environmental Division, sits in an electric car donated to the base by Global Electric Motors as part of a pilot study. Behind him is a photovoltaic pod used as an alternative source of outdoor electricity.

sists of a photovoltaic panel on top of a plastic container that holds the energy-collecting batteries. Similar to the streetlight, the only difference is the ability to access the energy during the daytime hours directly from the panels.

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## Gate change at Yermo

**By Sgt. Joseph Lee**  
BARSTOW LOG staff

Government employees and service members working aboard the Yermo annex will need to utilize another gate for access to the base as of midnight Dec. 18.

The gate currently being used for access to the base, near Peggy Sue's restaurant, will be closed, and opening will be the gate along Yermo-Daggett Road.

According to Maj. Lawrence Casserly, base provost marshal, improvements have been made to the gate and the access road leading to it as an effort to improve traffic flow on and off the base.

"The gate currently in use was recently found be less efficient when dealing with increased traffic volume

when confronted with an increase in force protection and readiness," said Casserly. "The new gate is better designed to deal with those traffic demands."

According to Casserly, over \$100,000 has been spent on improvements made to the new road and gate, and more changes are in future plans.

By traffic entering through the Yermo-Daggett Road gate, the heavy flow of vehicle traffic can be kept from interfering with the many Army soldiers that often traverse camouflaged though the industrial area near the Fire Department, according to Casserly. Although some personnel working aboard the Yermo annex may find the change to be an inconvenience, the switch was made to provide all personnel better security.



Photo by Rob Jackson

Maj. Clarence Guthrie III, Headquarters Battalion commander, representing MCLB Barstow, addresses viewers during Barstow's 23rd annual Toys for Tots Telethon broadcast Dec. 17.

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# The face of strategy is constantly changing

**By Jim Garamone**  
Armed Forces Press Service

On July 16, 1945, the meaning of the word "defense" changed in a New Mexico desert. That was when Allied scientists detonated an atomic bomb that rocked nearby Alamogordo with the strength of more than 10,000 tons of TNT.

The scientists had no real idea what to expect, but as they watched a rising mushroom cloud, they knew that weapon had instantly changed the whole idea of war and survival.

Less than a month later, the United States dropped atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and killed more than 200,000 people. Japan, prepared for a last ditch suicide effort against the Allies, surrendered. One bomber

could destroy a city and all its inhabitants - and America had thousands of bombers.

Following the war, the Soviet Union, a U.S. ally against the Axis Powers, became the main enemy. The communist dictatorship's avowed goal was to "bury" capitalism.

The flags of triumph frayed as the West and the USSR squared off.

The Berlin Airlift of 1948 was the first confrontation between the superpowers. It was an illustration of how warfare had changed, because the Soviet blockade of West Berlin did not escalate to war. The consequences of such a war were too horrific.

The Soviets put their research and espionage apparatuses into high gear and in 1949 had also developed nuclear weapons. The 40-year Cold

War that followed became based on strategies like "containment" and "mutually assured destruction."

But the Cold War was worth fighting. The totalitarian regimes of the 20th century succumbed to freedom. The Soviet Union dissolved in 1991. Far from burying capitalism, communism itself went to the grave.

At the same time, rogue states like Iraq, Iran, Libya, North Korea and Syria took note of the changed circumstances in the world and saw them as an opportunity to increase their militaries and influence.

Weapons of mass destruction became the goal of these regimes. Chemical and biological agents are well within the capabilities of these states to produce. Nuclear weapons are more

problematic, but some experts think Iraq, for example, was within six months of having a nuclear device when the 1991 Persian Gulf War ended.

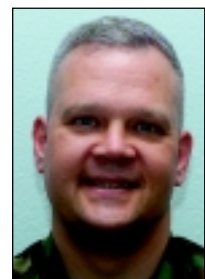
North Korean leaders pledged nearly a decade ago to suspend their nuclear weapons programs, but admitted last month they'd violated all four pacts they'd signed.

So what other threats are out there? What else is under development right now that no one in America knows about?

Pundits have called the recently pronounced Bush administration National Security Strategy to be America's first since the end of the Cold War. It is a basic change in the way we view defense. And it is a strategy that can only be viewed through the lens of Sept. 11, 2001.

## Spreading holiday cheer

**By Lt. Cmdr. Randel Livingood**  
Base Chaplain



Another busy week of the holiday season has passed us by and I wonder if we are any closer to Christmas than we were before? Have we completed our holiday shopping, planned the festal dinners, and made all the travel plans? If you are like me, the answer to the

above rhetorical questions is an emphatic no. In a way, it feels as though time gets brushed aside in order to accommodate the need to get things done and soon it can begin to feel as though there is no time to accomplish anything. If that is happening then it must mean that the point of the holiday season has been missed.

Interestingly, the holiday season is not necessarily all about happiness. For many, it is a time of financial stress, family reconciliation, or the pivot point into the New Year. By that, I mean that seeing the holiday's sole purpose as being able to give gifts can be disheartening for those who do not have significant sums of money to invest in the latest gift items. That is why I always like to take

this period between Thanksgiving and Christmas and mull over how to invest in family and friends in a way that brings out the best of the season.

I would like to suggest something that I found that may be of some interest to you. It is that love is the key to this period of time, maybe more so than any time of the year. What that means is that what is important is how we demonstrate our love and care for others. As members of a family or a community we are regularly faced with the challenge of loving people who are hard to love. That may sound odd, but when are able to see the faults of others or when someone does not fulfill our expectations it may be very difficult for us to show care and love for them. That is certainly evident in the tumultuous family gatherings that happen at this time of year. Making this week a time of searching out ways to love and care for friends and family could make this the greatest Christmas holiday season you and I have had for years. Find a way to give the gift of peace to those you care about. Look for the opportunity to offer the olive branch to those who may have hurt you or done you wrong. There is no greater gift than the gift of love to those you care about and it will be a gift that does not end of collecting dust.

Peace,  
Fr Randel

## Just doing my job ...



Photo by Sgt Cory Kelly

Master Sgt. Richard N. Holman, provost sergeant, and Assistant Fire Chief Dennis Moore accept a plaque on behalf of the Public Safety Department. This is the second year in a row PSD was awarded the Commanding Officer's Safety Award "Green Cross for Safety" for having the greatest reduction of safety infractions during the fiscal year.

### Chapel Services

Protestant Sun. 8:30 a.m.  
Mass Sun. 10:30 a.m.

**Confession services  
before Mass**

### Catholic Rosary

First Saturday of  
every month.  
3 p.m. at the Base Chapel.

For more info call  
577-6849.

### Nebo Bible Study

Wednesday Noon-1:30 p.m.

At the Chapel Office.

For more info call  
577-6849.



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"News Briefs" is designed to disseminate information to the MCLB Barstow community. Submissions should include a point of contact and phone number, and be received by noon Fridays for the next week's issue. Submit news briefs via e-mail to [editor@barstow.usmc.mil](mailto:editor@barstow.usmc.mil).

## Leave sharing

Preciliano Trujillo (Tru), computer specialist, Communications Division, has been affected by a medical emergency and is in need of leave donations. Anyone desiring to donate leave under the leave-sharing program may obtain a leave donor application through his or her division/center administrative officer. For more information contact Nancy J. Derryberry at 577-6396.

## TRICARE updates handbook

A new handbook highlighting all three TRICARE options (Prime, Standard and Extra) is available for distribution to Marines. Electronic versions of the handbook are available for viewing or download at [www.tricare.osd.mil/tricarehandbook](http://www.tricare.osd.mil/tricarehandbook).

## Inpatient rate increase

The daily cost of inpatient care in civilian hospitals for family members of active duty service members under TRICARE standard and extra increased from \$11.90 to \$12.72 per day or \$25, whichever is greater. For more information about these TRICARE subjects, visit [www.usmc.mil](http://www.usmc.mil) and read MarAdmins 619 and 620/02, or visit [www.tricare.osd.mil](http://www.tricare.osd.mil).

## NROTC officer program

Enlisted Marines and sailors interested in becoming officers via the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps, can complete an application package for a scholarship program by Jan 31, 2003. For more information, Marines and sailors can read MarAdmin message 649/02 by visiting [www.usmc.mil](http://www.usmc.mil).

## Base Christmas Party

Marine Corps Community Ser-

vices is hosting an all ranks Christmas party Friday from 4-10 p.m. at the Oasis Club. There will be food, music, fun and free pictures with Santa Claus who is scheduled to arrive at 6 p.m. For more information, contact MCCS at 577-6432.

## New Year's Eve Party

Marine Corps Community Services is hosting a New Year's Eve Party Dec. 31 at the E-Club open to all DOD ID cardholders. The party, which includes door prizes, music and food, will start at 6 p.m. and conclude at 1 a.m. For more information, contact MCCS at 577-6418/6733.

## Federal Employees' Light Duty Program

A new base order pertaining to Federal Employees' Light Duty Program has been approved and published at <http://mclbonline>. The order is 12800.1 in the Civilian Personnel section. The policy applies to a majority of MCLB Barstow employees. For more information, contact Maj. Martinez at 577-6440.

## Telephone Directories

Verizon telephone directories are available from Base Telephone. They are on a first-come, first-serve basis. To get a new phonebook, go to building 15A, or contact Base Telephone at 577-6181

## John Smith memorial poker run

A public poker run to benefit Toys for Tots is scheduled for Saturday, starting at The Bank Bar & Grill and finishing up at Hooz on 1st.

Sign in is from 8:30-10:30 a.m. at the Bank, and the run continues throughout Barstow to various locations to play poker. There will be a

biscuits and gravy breakfast, barbecue, karaoke and prizes for high and low hand winners. To claim prizes, all poker cards must be completed and turned in by 2 p.m. For more information, contact The Bank Bar & Grill at 256-1448.

## Reindeer Classic Pool Tournament

All active duty military personnel are invited to compete for awards and prizes in a pool tournament scheduled for Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at the E-Club.

The deadline for registration in either the novice or experienced divisions in Friday, and check-in will be Tuesday at 6 p.m.

For more information or to sign up, contact Somer Meeden at 577-6812.

## Super Star Student Program

Two \$1,000 U.S. Savings Bonds have yet to be awarded at MCLB Barstow in the Marine Corps Exchange Super Star Student Program.

Super Star students in grades 6th through 12th who maintain a "B" average or better for the grading period are eligible to win prizes such as: \$5 MCX gift certificates, disposable cameras, phone cards, gum machines, portfolios, dictionaries, clothing and savings bonds.

To be eligible, students must be authorized MCX patrons and must visit the MCX store manager within 30 days of receiving their report cards. Prizes must be claimed within 30 days. For more information, contact Staff Sgt. Cisneros at 577-6014 or visit the Super Seven store.

## STAR card lowers APR

The Military Star Card is lowering interest rates from 9.5 percent to 9 percent as a result of the latest an-



nouncement by the Federal Reserve. The changes, apply to Military Star Card holders, and do not apply to Military Clothing Plans or special promotions already in existence.

The Military Star Card is accepted at all AAFES, NEXCOM, MCX and Coast Guard exchanges, including catalog and military clothing stores operated by AAFES and Marine Corps exchanges. For more information contact Staff Sgt. Cisneros at 577-6014.

## Adopt-a-Vet

The Veterans Home of California - Barstow is in search of sponsors through the Chaplain's Office Adopt-a-Vet Program. The Chaplain has received names and wish lists of vets at the home. There is no limit to how many vet's one can sponsor.

To participate in this year's program or for more information, contact Petty Officer 2nd Class Julie Dennison, Chaplain Randel Livingood or call the Chaplain's Office at 577-6849.

## Experienced athletes

Resumes are being accepted for the following teams and events.

### All-Marine Wrestling trials

Sunday is the last day to submit resumes for the All Marine Wrestling Team. Trials will be Feb. 10 through April 9, with the Armed Forces Wrestling Championship shortly thereafter.

### All-Marine Bowling trials

Semper Fit is accepting resumes until Feb. 14, 2003 for the All-Marine Bowling team. Trials will be held March 9-15, 2003 at Camp Pendleton. Resumes must be command endorsed and include proof of at least a 195 average for men and a 160 for women. Resumes can be obtained at [www.usmc-mccs.org](http://www.usmc-mccs.org), under policy. Resumes must be submitted through the Semper Fit Athletic Director.

### Taekwondo Trials

Semper Fit is accepting applications until March 1 for the Army Invitational/CISM Taekwondo Trials, May 9-12, at Fort Indiantown, Gap, Pa.

Additional information about these teams and events as well as prerequisites and resume guidelines are available online at [www.usmc-mccs.org](http://www.usmc-mccs.org).

For additional information contact Gunnery Sgt. Joseph Daquilla, Semper Fit, 577-6898.

## In-home child care

The Child Development Center will provide training and support services for all those interested in becoming an in-home child care provider. For more information call the CDC at 577-6287/6049, or stop by at building 372.

## MCCS Big Bear Cabins

Marines aboard MCLB Barstow can set priority reservations at any of eight cabins located at Big Bear Mountain throughout the year.

The cabins, which are owned by the Marine Corps, and cared for by Big Bear Resort personnel, are available for \$56 on weekdays and \$75 on Fridays and Saturdays for Marines who want to escape to the mountains for a weekend of skiing or snowboarding.

With the exception of personal hygiene items, towels and firewood, the cabins are well equipped for six people.

December and January's availability is currently limited to only a few weekdays, but Miramar MCCS starts taking reservations for the month of February on Jan. 2. In order to get a weekend reservation in February, the reservation must be placed first thing Jan. 2; otherwise the eight cabins will fill up that day.

To make reservations, call MCAS Miramar MCCS ticket center at (858) 577-4141.

## Job Watch

| Annc No. | Title/Series/Grade  | Open     | Close    | 1st Cutoff | Location     |
|----------|---|----------|----------|------------|--------------|
| 4102     | Paint Worker (Term)   | 12-06-02 | 12-20-02 | N/A        | MCLB Barstow |
|          | WG-4102-07 (Open to MLCB employees only)                              |          |          |            |              |
| 8255     | Pneudraulic Systems Mech. Supv.                                       | 12-06-02 | 12-32-02 | N/A        | MCLB Barstow |
|          | WS-8255-10 (Open to permanent MCLB employees only)                    |          |          |            |              |
| 303      | Administrative Support Clerk (OA)                                     | 12-09-02 | 12-13-02 | N/A        | MCLB Barstow |
|          | Gs-0303-05 (Open to MCLB Employees only)                              |          |          |            |              |
| 344      | Management Assistanty   | 12-09-02 | 12-13-02 | N/A        | MCLB Barstow |
|          | GS-0344-05 (Open to permanent MCLB employees only)                    |          |          |            |              |
| 6913     | Hazardous Waste Disposer  | 12-09-02 | 12-13-02 | N/A        | MCLB Barstow |
|          | WG-6913-06 (Open to current permanent and appointable MCLB employees) |          |          |            |              |

Applicants interested in announcements beginning with DEA or OTR should submit their résumé to:

**Human Resources Service Center, Southwest**

**ATTN: Code 522 (announcement number)**

**525 B Street, Suite 600**

**San Diego, CA 92101-4418**

For more information concerning public job announcements visit the Self-Service Center, Building 326, Mondays through Fridays from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. or call the Human Resources Office, 577-6357.

If you have Internet access, browse to <http://www.uscjobs.opm.gov>.

For information regarding Open Continuous Merit Promotion announcements point your browser to <http://www.donhr.navy.mil>.

This is not an official list. Please see the Web sites listed for a complete list.

# You drink and drive you lose

**By National Highway Traffic Safety Administration**  
U.S. Department of Transportation

*Reducing alcohol-related traffic fatalities is one of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's top priorities. The National goal is to lower the death toll to no more than 11,000 by the year 2005. To meet this challenge, NHTSA launched the "You Drink and Drive. You Lose," campaign on Dec. 1, 1999, as part of National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month.*

**Impaired driving is an American tragedy**

Last year, 15,935 people were killed as a result of impaired driving. More than 300,000 were injured. That's one person dead every 33 minutes and one person injured every two minutes.

An estimated 1.5 million people were arrested. The average American has a 30 percent chance of being killed or injured by an impaired driver during their lifetime.

And while the number of alcohol-related fatalities are at an all-time low, impaired driving is still a leading cause of death for people under the age of 30.

The purpose of "You Drink and Drive You Lose" is to help support the hard work already being done nationwide by law enforcement and community leaders to prevent impaired driving in their counties, cities and neighborhoods.

The campaign's goal is to enhance national awareness about the deadly toll impaired driving exacts on America's communities and to generate a greater national urgency to stop the senseless killing and injury on our nation's highways.

***What is impaired driving and who is at risk?***

All drivers risk impairment when consuming alcohol or drugs - whether legal over-the-counter and prescription medications or illegal substances such as marijuana, cocaine or other illicit drugs. The campaign's message is a simple one: Make the right choice - don't drink and drive.

Yet, thousands of Americans every year continue to make the wrong choices.

There are three high-risk populations identified as most likely to drive

while impaired. "You Drink and Drive You Lose" speaks directly to these groups:

- 21- to 34-year-olds
- Underage drinkers between the ages of 16 and 20
- High BAC and repeat offenders.

***How the campaign works***

While "You Drink and Drive. You Lose." serves as the voice for reaching Americans with this lifesaving message, it is much more than just a public service campaign.

The campaign offers a framework for states; counties, cities and neighborhoods to develop their own comprehensive impaired driving prevention programs through the creation of national and local partnerships.

**Editor's Note:**

*For more information on impaired driving, please visit the NHTSA World Wide Web site at: [www.nhtsa.dot.gov](http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov).*

*Additional information on drinking and driving, is offered by the Personal Services Division Substance Abuse Counselor, Staff Sgt. Joseph Johnson at 577-6851.*

# Matcom Commander holiday safety message

**By Maj. Gen. Bradley Lott**  
**Matcom Commander**

With the onset of the holiday season, many will be traveling, others staying home.

But over the next few weeks, all will be focusing on this time set aside to enjoy our family and friends.

However, experience dictates that we must not neglect the hazards that are a constant threat to the joy of the holidays.

There's no magic formula to prevent mishaps - just good common sense, based on awareness, preparation, and responsibility. Once again, I want to emphasize to all that our people are our most precious asset!

We cannot afford to lose a single one of you. While the impact of such loss on readiness is substantial, the cost to family and friends is immeasurable.

Holiday safety means taking care of each other. We don't look

the other way when we see a fellow Marine, sailor, or civilian Marine in trouble.

We help them get the help they need. Be proactive - act to prevent problems that lead to depression, alcohol abuse, relationship conflicts, and financial distress.

As I have counted on you to provide the logistical support which has made the Marine Corps the 911 force of choice, I count on you to be safety conscious at all times.

As you go about your holiday activities, plan ahead and develop controls for safe behavior.

Ensure you get the proper rest before traveling, wear seat belts at all times, and avoid risky or aggressive behavior behind the wheel. This will be the most valuable gift

That any of us will give or receive this season. Best wishes for a safe and happy holiday season.



# MCB sends welding team to Okinawa

By Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt  
Editor

Two Maintenance Center Barstow employees recently went to Okinawa to repair an immobile Assault Amphibious Vehicle, which was damaged during training.

Frank Alvarez, welder, and Richard Jaramillo, metals inspector, took the trip across the Pacific Ocean with their tools to fix a dent on an AAV P-7.

“I was sent there to repair a P-7 that had damage in the front of the vehicle near the final drive,” said Frank Alvarez, welder. “They had hit some coral coming into the beach and it caused the bottom part to cave in and the final drive got stuck.”

The final drive is the part that turns the tracks on the AAV. To get the vehicle to move, the dent had to be fixed.

“When we got there and

evaluated it, I found that some grinding and cleaning it up would get the dent out of the way,” said Alvarez.

Getting the front hull to look like new again was not the only repair that had to be done.

“Because of the way it was damaged, the holes on the inside didn’t line up, so I had to fill in the holes,” said Alvarez. “We made sure everything fit perfectly before we left.”

After everything was fixed, Jaramillo inspected the repair by using nondestructive testing techniques.

“After the weld repair was done on the AAV, I [nondestructive tested] it with a liquid penetrant inspection and found there were no cracks,” said Richard Jaramillo, metals inspector. “It was kind of like a double check to the welding and the visual inspection of the weld process.”

The Marines were pleased with

the repair job and glad to have their vehicle fully operational again.

“They were excited because the vehicle had been down for about three months,” said Alvarez. “They really wanted it back in use.”

While there, Jaramillo also did some other work while in Okinawa.

“We spent a total of 10 days over there,” said Jaramillo. “In addition to inspecting the AAV, I also helped out an additional Marine unit over there that required some assistance with a crack on a Light Armored Vehicle.”

He used nondestructive testing to help with the repair of the LAV as well.

“They wanted to know how far the crack propagated into the side of the hull, so what I did was actually perform a liquid penetrant test on the side of the hull and was able to locate the extreme ends of the crack so it



Frank Alvarez, welder, welds a spot on an Assault Amphibious Vehicle. Alvarez, along with Richard Jaramillo, metals inspector, went to Okinawa recently to repair a disabled AAV.

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# Around the Corps

## Marines help Hollywood kick-off holiday season

By Staff Sgt. Sergio Jimenez  
Los Angeles Public Affairs Office

**HOLLYWOOD** – The Marines received a hero's welcome from spectators and celebrities when they helped Hollywood kick-off the holiday season by participating in the Blockbuster Hollywood Christmas Spectacular, formerly known as the "Hollywood Christmas Parade" Sunday, Dec. 1.

Celebrities from film, television and radio, as well as sports personalities and local politicians took part in the annual event that, according to publishing reports, was almost canceled for budget reasons.

The Marine Corps Mounted Color Guard from Marine Corps Logistics Base, Barstow, Calif., carried the American Flag and the Marine Corps Colors and led an eclectic array of floats, marching bands, classic cars and equestrian groups through the streets of Hollywood. The 2 1/2-mile parade began on a red-carpeted section of Hollywood Blvd in front of the famed Grauman's Chinese Theatre and the "Hollywood Walk of Fame" and ended nearby on Sunset Blvd.

According to Sgt. Cory A. Kelly, mounted color guard member, riding atop those beautiful horses, with the crowd screaming words of thanks and encouragement was a truly unique and once-in-a-lifetime experience.

The Mounted Color Guard rode on Mustangs of palomino color which were acquired through the Federal Bureau of Land Management's Adopt-A-Horse Program. Other mounted color guard members included MGySgt. Kim Ortamond, NCOIC mounted colorguard, Cpl. Eusebio Talamantes, Jr., and Cpl. Jeremy T.

Palu. Reserve Marines from 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 23<sup>rd</sup> Marines were also on hand to raise awareness for the Toys For Tots Program.

GySgt. Connie M. Denver III, Peacetime/Wartime Support Program NCOIC and Cpl. Belinda Quezada, PWSP support clerk and a handful of children, who will benefit from Toys For Tots this Christmas, rode aboard a float donated by the toy program's official local sponsor KNBC-TV Channel 4.

According to Quezada, participating in the parade was very rewarding. "One of my favorite moments was watching how happy and excited the kids got riding on the float," she said. "They loved the attention and waving to everyone. They just had a great time."

Throughout the parade, the Marines waved at hundreds of thousands of applauding spectators, some of whom were crammed shoulder to shoulder and several rows deep in some sections.

The reception and support the Marines received during the parade was nothing short of overwhelming, said Denver.

Some spectators who were sitting back in their chairs or on blankets laid out on sidewalks rose to their feet to shout "thank you's" and words of encouragement and praise to the Marines as they passed. Some children screamed and waved with joy, impressed either by the Marines or by the horses they rode.

"Watching the Marines ride by sent chills down my back and made me feel so proud," said Connie Fernandez, a Hollywood resident who brought her two kids to the parade. "They look so

good up there. Big, strong Marines," she said proudly.

It was a great feeling knowing the American public appreciates the job the Marines are doing and it was an honor to represent the many Marines who are serving proudly throughout the world, said Quezada.

The Marines agreed that participation in the parade was undoubtedly a community relations success. Kelly and Quezada also agreed that the exposure to such a large audience is sure to help the recruiting effort. "Any time you get an opportunity to show Marines standing tall and proud in their uniforms, we benefit," said Kelly.

Quezada said she answered many general questions and from people who were curious about the Marines and some specifically about the role of women.

According to Kelly, these types of events can be very effective in forming attitudes and creating positive awareness in ways that hard to measure. For example, Kelly said he can picture a father and son watching the parade. The son, impressed by the sight of sharply dressed Marines and the positive reaction of the crowd, turns to ask his dad, "Hey dad, who are they?" said Kelly. "Son, they are Marines."

The positive impression formed at that moment can have a lasting effect, said Kelly. "If that boy is someday faced with a decision to serve in the military," he said. "He may look back on that day and decide to join the Marines."

Denver, Quezada and Kelly said they are already looking forward to next year and hope the parade becomes a yearly event for both their organizations.



Photo By Staff Sgt. Sergio Jimenez

Cpl. Belinda Quezada, Peacetime/Wartime Support Program support clerk waves at spectators during the Blockbuster Hollywood Christmas Spectacular, formerly known as the "Hollywood Christmas Parade" Dec. 1. According to Quezada, participating in the parade was very rewarding. "One of my favorite moments was watching how happy and excited the kids got riding on the float," she said.



Photo By Staff Sgt. Sergio Jimenez

GySgt. Connie M. Denver III, Peacetime/Wartime Support Program NCOIC and Cpl. Belinda Quezada, PWSP support clerk, wave at spectators during the Blockbuster Hollywood Christmas Spectacular, formerly known as the "Hollywood Christmas Parade" Dec. 1. The Marines and a handful of children, who will benefit from Toys For Tots this Christmas rode aboard a float donated by the toy program's official local television sponsor.



Photo By Staff Sgt. Sergio Jimenez



# Toys for Tots Telethon a big success

Story and photos by Rob L. Jackson

BARSTOW LOG staff

The 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Barstow Toys for Tots Telethon, telecast Saturday, turned out to be the best one in recent memory, according to local community organizers.

By the end of the 6-hour broadcast the community had donated approximately \$45,000 in toys and money, said Mal Wessel, Toys for Tots co-chairperson and former Barstow mayor.

"It had me scared for a while because of the slow start," he said, "but I have to tell you, the town opened its heart and delivered."

MCLB Barstow military and civilian employees have donated approximately \$4,200 in toys and money to date and the drive continues until Dec. 20, according to Assistant Fire Chief Steve Mulcare, the MCLB Toys for Tots coordinator. Mulcare and fellow Assistant Fire Chief Dennis Moore also dug in their pockets to donate an additional \$350 to the campaign.

Maj. Clarence Guthrie III, Headquarters Battalion commander, representing MCLB Barstow along with Mulcare, Moore and other members of the base Fire and Emergency Services Division, delivered and presented the base contributions on the set during the telethon.

The battalion commander took the opportunity to talk about the history of the Toys for Tots program and also to express his and the Marine Corps' thanks to the Barstow community for their continued support and contributions to the program.

The Toys for Tots Program campaign, now in its 25th year locally delivers toys to needy children in Barstow and in surrounding communities not only at Christmas, but year round, according to Wessel. Nationally the program is in its 55th year.

This year the dates for distributing toys in Barstow are Dec. 17, 18 and 19.

With all that the community has donated to this point, there are still two more Toys for Tots events left to raise money and toys for the program, The John Smith Memorial Poker Run scheduled for Saturday and a bowling tournament.



MCLB Barstow Assistant Fire Chief Steve Mulcare hands a microphone to Assistant Fire Chief Dennis Moore for comments during Barstow's 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Toy for Tots Telethon Saturday. The boxes of toys in the background represents approximately 420 toys MCLB Barstow donated to the program at the time of the broadcast.



(Above) Connie Wessel, Barstow Toys for Tots co-chairperson, explains to (front to back) Cpl. Sara Desautel, Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Dominic Topete, and Lance Cpls Randol McKenzie and David Buls, the information they should jot down while taking calls from the phone bank.

(Right) Gunnery Sgt. Joseph Daquila, Single Marine Program coordinator, removes past decorations in preparing the stage for Barstow's 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Toys for Tots Telethon. The SMP also assisted with answering phones, moving and loading donated toys during the telecast.





# Navy League Year 2003 Excellence Awards

## MARADMIN 623/02 Headquarters Marine Corps

The Navy League of the United States is a national organization of more than 77,000 members and approximately 330 councils throughout the U.S. and overseas.

NLUS advocates a strong Department of the Navy team.

Each year the Navy League presents annual awards in recognition of outstanding individual achievements in leadership, maritime affairs, scientific progress, engineering excellence, logistics competence, and service to community and country.

All active duty Navy and Marine Corps members are eligible.

The NLUS awards are:

- The John Paul Jones Award for Inspirational Leadership: recognizes a navy officer.

- The Admiral Claude V. Ricketts Award for Inspirational Leadership: recognizes two navy enlisted persons (one E-7 or above; one E-6 or below).

- The Captain Winifred Quick Collins Award for Inspirational Lead-

ership: recognizes a Navy or Marine Corps woman officer and a Navy or Marine Corps enlisted woman.

- The Lieutenant General John A. Lejeune Award for Inspirational Leadership: recognizes a Marine Corps officer.

- The General Gerald C. Thomas Award for Inspirational Leadership: recognizes a Marine Corps enlisted person.

- The Stephen Decatur Award for Operational Competence: recognizes a Navy officer or enlisted person.

- The General Holland M. Smith Award for Operational Competence: recognizes a Marine Corps officer or enlisted Marine.

- The Robert M. Thompson Award for Outstanding Civilian Leadership: recognizes a civilian who has furthered the cause of sea power.

- The Rear Admiral William S. Parsons Award for Scientific and Technical Progress: recognizes a Navy or Marine Corps officer, or a civilian.

-The Admiral Ben Moreell Award for Logistics Competence: recognizes a Navy or Marine Corps officer or

Navy or Marine Corps enlisted person.

Nomination packages must be submitted to NLUS and received no later than Dec. 31, 2002.

Late submissions will not be considered.

Packages must be mailed to: Awards Board, Attn: Louise Halse, Navy League of the United States, 2300 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA, 22201-3308.

If the nomination package is sent by FedEx, send to: 2300 Clarendon Blvd., Suite 705, Arlington, VA, 22201-3308.

Telephone: 703-528-1775, ext. 553.

FAX: 703-243-8056. Fax submissions will be accepted only if followed by signed original.

### Editor's Note:

*For additional information visit the Navy League Web site at: [www.navyleague.org](http://www.navyleague.org), or see MARADMIN 623/02. Awards will be presented at the annual Navy League convention in Honolulu, Hawaii, in June 2003.*



Photo by Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt

Lt. Col. Richard Hamilton, base executive officer, and Bill Boxx, Personal Services Division director, contribute to the PSD Annual Christmas food drive. Drop off points are at Buildings 15 and 302 and frozen food can be dropped off at Building 129. The drive ends Wednesday.





By Jim Gaines  
MCCS Publicity

### Holiday Night of Savings

The Super Seven Store has a special night for holiday savings - Tuesday, from 4 to 7 p.m. Don't miss this three-hour one night only Holiday Night of Savings.

Discounts from 10 percent to 50 percent off merchandise every half hour (items will be identified the evening of the event). There will be giveaways, free food, wine tasting and \$2 gift bags. Free gift wrapping service will be offered by the exchange employees.

The Super Seven Store is open Monday through Friday 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call the Railhead Exchange (Yermo) 577-7092 for information and hours of operation.

### Lunch menu

The lunch menu for the Family Restaurant and the Cactus Cafe this week are the same.

*Today* - Beef stroganoff.

*Friday* - Breaded hoki fish.

*Monday* - Veal parmesan.

*Tuesday* - Tuna casserole.

*Wednesday* - Pork roast.

*Thursday* - Chicken a la king.

Call in your Cactus Cafe lunch order to the Family Restaurant, 577-6428 or 577-6429 no later than 9:30 a.m.

Prices: \$3 military, \$4.50 civilian and include roll and butter, vegetable and drink of choice.

### Family Night Dining

Wednesday - South of the Border Nite.

Prices: \$5.50 for adults, and \$3.50 for children 5 to 11 years old.

Children under five years of age are free.

## ALL RANKS BASE CHRISTMAS PARTY *Everyone welcome!*



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with Santa begins at 6:30 p.m.**

**So bring the kids!**

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“The Solar Pod came to us as a separate device to try out,” said Stormo. “It is a stand-alone energy collector that produces a normal outlet voltage so that you could run any normal electronic device.”

As a portable source of normal electricity, the pods are especially useful for recharging the electric vehicles, according to Johnston.

“If the security measures of the base call for vehicles to be parked a certain distance from a building, the pod can simply be picked up by forklift and moved,” said Johnston. “The other options left available for providing those vehicles with power are far less efficient.”

According to Stormo, these pods have been used in abundant success in places such as Central Africa, where it is not feasible to run line, to give some of the people there the ability to run electronic devices. Items like computers, microwaves, or a simple light could not be used regularly without the use of batteries prior to the use of the pods.

Both the streetlights and the Solar Pod collect energy by collecting the sun’s energy onto a photovoltaic panel. Photovoltaics are solar cells that produce electricity directly from sunlight. They are usually made of

silicon – the same material that makes up the common beach sand of Florida’s coast. The cells are wafer-thin circles or rectangles, about three to four inches across.

According to [www.solarenergy.com](http://www.solarenergy.com), solar cells operate according to what is called the photovoltaic effect, (“photo”–light, “voltaic”–electricity). In the photovoltaic effect, “bullets” of sunlight–photons–striking the surface of semi-conductor material such as silicon, liberate electrons from the material’s atoms. Certain chemicals added to the material’s composition help establish a path for the freed electrons. This creates an electrical current. Through the photovoltaic effect, a typical four-inch silicon solar cell produces about one watt of direct current electricity.

Though solar energy seems promising according to Stormo, environmental also has future plans for another experimental energy producing pilot program involving the conversion of wastewater from the water treatment plant nearby into energy producing hydrogen.

Though this new program may be far off, the current solar energy program being conducted by the base environmental division is promising to shine a new light on electricity sources in the future of MCLB Barstow.

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could be welded up.”

The reason the team was sent to fix the AAV was because Okinawa does not have a facility or the tools to do what MCB is capable of, said Alvarez.

This is not the only time MCB has sent employees overseas. It is cheaper for the Marine Corps to send a welder and inspector with their tools from Barstow to Okinawa than to ship an AAV from Okinawa to Barstow, the closest place to Okinawa where the vehicle could be repaired.

“It was my second time in Okinawa,” said Alvarez. “I was there for a couple of months five years ago doing modifications on about eighty 198 (Howitzers).”

After the team got back to Barstow, their supervisor expressed his happiness for the job the two employees did.

“I’m glad we could get over there and support the Marines like that,” said Greg Johnson, senior production supervisor. “The two men we sent did an outstanding job.”

Gunny’s Picks

Week 15



Congratulations to Steven Waugh, license examiner at Public Works Division, this week’s winner of the Gunny’s Picks. Waugh went 11- 4 this week for his second win of the season. The Eagles fan’s other picks covered the spread this week and like other NFL fans, he’s looking for a strong finish at the end of the season. The “Swami” stumbled this week, picking Atlanta to beat Tampa Bay. This week

look for Dallas to upend the Giants and really put Coach Fassel’s job on the line. Here’s a look at the rest of next week’s match ups.

To submit your choices for Gunny’s Picks, fill out this section of the newspaper and drop it off at the Public Affairs Office in the Red Wing of Building 15, or e-mail who you think will win each game to [editor@barstow.usmc.mil](mailto:editor@barstow.usmc.mil).

- \*Baltimore at Houston
- Carolina at Pittsburgh\*
- \*Indianapolis at Cleveland
- \*Jacksonville at Cincinnati
- Minnesota at New Orleans\*
- \*NY Jets at Chicago
- Oakland at Miami\*
- \*San Diego at Buffalo

- Seattle at Atlanta\*
- \*Tampa Bay at Detroit
- Washington at Philadelphia\*
- Kansas City at Denver\*
- \*Dallas at NY Giants
- Green Bay at San Francisco\*
- Arizona at St. Louis\*

Monday Night

- \*New England at Tennessee
- Total points:\_\_\_\_\_

Name, work section and phone number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Monday night’s game is a tie-breaker and must include a total score.



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